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SUBJECT: VIETNAM: REUNION OF FAMILIES

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO PRESIDENT'S VIETNAM COMMISSION

1. JEAN PIERRE HOCKE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE ICRC CALLED ON THE CHARGE MARCH 13 TO REPORT ON PROGRESS OF RED CROSS NEGOTIATIONS WITH HANOI TO BRING ABOUT THE REUNION OF VIETNAMESE FAMILIES. HOCKE SAID THAT CONGRESSMAN MONTGOMERY IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATTER. HOCKE IS IN DELHI FOR A MEETING OF ASIAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES, INCLUDING THAT OF VIETNAM.

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2. HOCKE SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES HERE FOR THE CONFERENCE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE FILES OF THE HARDSHIP CASES WHICH WERE FORWARDED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE AGREED TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER THROUGH THE ICRC. THE FILES HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAIGON SINCE THAT IS THE LOCATION OF

MOST OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED. THE VIETNAMESE
HAVE TOLD HOCKE THAT COMPETENT AUTHORITIES WILL
LOOK AT EACH FILE AND ANSWER WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSONS
CONCERNED WILL QUALIFY FOR DEPARTURE
FROM VIETNAM. WHEN THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS
RECEIVES A RESPONSE FROM SAIGON, IT WILL BE
TRANSMITTED TO THE ICRC FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

3. HOCKE WAS ENCOURAGED AT THIS
PROGRESS AND IN VIEW OF IT ASKED THAT THIS
NEGOTIATION BE KEPT WITHIN RED CROSS CHANNELS.
HE WAS OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BEST THAT
THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN
THE ISSUE OF REUNION OF FAMILIES UNLESS, OF COURSE, THERE APPEARED
TO BE A PROSPECT THAT THE ENTIRE NEGOTIATION COULD BE
CONCLUDED ON THE SPOT.

4. THE CHARGE BRIEFED HOCKE ON THE MISSION AND
SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION AS
CARRIED IN THE WIRELESS FILE HERE AND SAID HE
WOULD REPORT THE ABOVE INFORMATION.
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